

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A rubber cylinder sleeve for an offset printing press includes an inner carrier sleeve that has a circumferential and an axial direction. The carrier is expandable outwardly by an application of compressed air from the interior. The rubber cylinder sleeve also includes a single rubber layer having an inner surface disposed on the inner carrier sleeve and an outer surface for contacting the printing plate. The single rubber layer includes a plurality of compressible elements for increasing the compressibility of the single rubber layer and a plurality of filaments for increasing the stiffness of the single rubber layer. The compressible elements and the filaments are disposed distal from the outer surface.